

1 <sup>a</sup> 7. (Amended) The transfer rate controller according to any one  
2 of claims 1 to 3, wherein the packet rate adjusting means controls a transfer rate  
3 according to a warning indicative that an overflow is likely to occur in a buffer of  
4 a decoder.

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1 <sup>a</sup> 9. (Amended) A medium for storing a program and/or data for  
2 allowing a computer to carry out all or some functions of all or some means of the  
3 transfer rate controller or the decoding system according to any of claims 1 to 3,  
4 wherein the medium is processible by a computer.

1 10. (Amended) An information aggregate comprising a program  
2 and/or data for allowing a computer to carry out all or some functions of all or  
3 some means of the transfer rate controller or the decoding system according to any  
4 of claims 1 to 3.

1 11. (Amended) A transmitting medium for transmitting an MPEG  
2 transport stream outputted from the transfer rate controller according to any of  
3 claims 1 to 3.

1 12. (Amended) A recording medium for recording an MPEG  
2 transport stream outputted from the transfer rate controller according any one of  
3 claims 1 to 3.

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